

§ 3209.4 Bond requirement.**§ 3209.4-1 General.**

(a) Simultaneously with the filing of the Notice of Intent, and before the entry is made on the land, the party or parties filing the Notice of Intent must file with the authorized officer a surety company bond for each exploration operation in the amount of not less than \$5,000, conditioned upon the full and faithful compliance with all of the terms and conditions of the regulations in this subpart and of that Notice of Intent.

(b) A party shall be excused from compliance with the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section if he/she possesses either a nationwide bond in the amount of not less than \$50,000 covering all exploration operations, or a statewide bond in the amount of not less than \$25,000 covering all exploration operations in the state in which the lands on which he/she has filed the Notice of Intent are situated, or a lease bond of not less than \$10,000 furnished in accordance with § 3206.2 of this title.

[38 FR 35082, Dec. 21, 1973, as amended at 53 FR 17370, May 16, 1988]

§ 3209.4-2 Riders to existing bond forms.

Holders of nationwide and statewide oil and gas exploration bonds shall be permitted, in lieu of furnishing additional bonds, to amend their bonds to include geothermal resources exploration operations.

§ 3209.4-3 Termination of period of liability.

The authorized officer will not give his consent to the cancellation of the bond if an individual bond was submitted or to the termination of the period of liability if a State or nationwide bond was submitted, unless and until there has been compliance with all of the terms and conditions of the Notice of Intent. Should the authorized officer fail to notify the party within 90 days from the filing of *Notice of Completion* that all terms and conditions have been complied with or that additional corrective measures must be taken to rehabilitate the land, the period of liability under an individual bond or the period of liability for a particular ex-

ploration operation under a State or nationwide bond shall automatically terminate on the 91st day.

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Subpart 3210—Noncompetitive Leases: General**§ 3210.1 Availability of land.**

(a) All lands subject to leasing that are not within a KGRA shall be available for lease application under the provisions of this subpart.

(b) For those particular lands included in canceled, relinquished, expired, or terminated leases, the BLM State Office having jurisdiction shall post a description of such lands on the first working day of a calendar month. Such lands shall then be available for lease applications beginning on the first working day of the calendar month following posting. Applications received prior to the first working day of the month following posting shall be considered filed on that date.

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§ 3210.2-1 Application.

An application for a lease shall be filed in an original and 2 copies in the proper BLM office on a form approved by the Director. The original form, or a copy thereof, filled in by typewriter or printed plainly in ink, manually signed in ink and dated by the offeror, or the offeror's duly authorized agent or attorney-in-fact, shall be required. Copies shall be an exact reproduction on 1 page of both sides of the approved form without additions, omissions or other